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United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, which established the United Nations Development Fund for Women as a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme, as well as its resolutions 52/94 of 12 December 1997 and 54/136 of 17 December 1999,

Recalling also the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,[1] which recognizes the special role of the Fund in the promotion of the empowerment of women and calls upon the Fund to review and strengthen its work programme in light of the Platform for Action focusing on women's political and economic empowerment,

Welcoming the contributions that the Fund has made in supporting initiatives of Member States, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations to formulate and implement activities that promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, concentrating on three thematic areas: strengthening women's economic capacity, engendering governance and leadership and promoting women's human rights and the elimination of all forms of violence against women,

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Recalling and reaffirming the commitments made at the United Nations world conferences, summit meetings and special sessions of the General Assembly held since 1990 and at their follow-up processes,

Noting the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme directions, as stipulated in the annex to resolution 39/125,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[2]

2. *Encourages* the Fund to continue assisting in its areas of expertise in the implementation of commitments made at the Fourth World Conference on Women and at the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century";

3. *Commends* the focus by the Fund on strategic programmes in its three thematic areas and on supporting innovative and experimental activities in implementing its strategy and business plan (2000-2003) within the context of the Beijing Platform for Action[1] and the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly;[3]

4. *Notes with appreciation* the increased synergy between the United Nations Development Fund for Women and other funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women, and calls upon these entities to continue their collaborative efforts;

5. *Takes note* of the ability of the Fund to execute projects and programmes on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme in order to achieve their respective mandates as well as their individual and common purposes;

6. *Also takes note* of the activities undertaken by the Fund in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 54/136, including those on the impact of armed conflict on women and the role of women in peace-building, and the support it provides for women's participation in peace processes and, in this regard, encourages the Fund to continue to consult with Member States on these activities;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women and its learning component to extract and share good practice in eliminating violence against women, and reiterates the call to Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors to consider contributing or increasing contributions to the Trust Fund;

8. *Encourages* the Fund to continue to contribute to ensuring that a gender perspective is integrated into a comprehensive approach to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) at all levels of the three thematic areas of the Fund, in particular in the follow-up to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, building on is partnerships within the United Nations system and particularly with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

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[2] A/56/174.

[3] Resolution S-23/3, annex.

9. *Also encourages* the Fund to support the development or strengthening of mechanisms to increase accountability for gender equality, at the request of countries, including by building the capacity of Governments to undertake gender-responsive budget analysis;

10. *Urges* the Fund to continue its efforts to mainstream a gender perspective in United Nations operational activities, including through the resident coordinator system and the common country assessment and United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes;

11. *Welcomes* the role of the Fund in promoting the strategic importance of the empowerment of women in all of the regions in which it operates and notes with appreciation the enhanced programme activities of the Fund in the African region;

12. *Encourages* the Fund to continue to assist Governments in implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[4] in order to advance gender equality at all levels, including by reinforcing the cooperation between Governments and civil society, especially women's organizations;

13. *Recognizes* that the Fund has been able to secure increased contributions for its work, and expresses its appreciation to Member States and private organizations and foundations, whose increased contributions demonstrate their commitment to the issues on which the Fund is working;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work of the national committees for the United Nations Development Fund for Women and encourages them, with appropriate support from the Fund, to increase their capacity and intensify their outreach to civil society and the private sector in terms of building broad-based visibility and mobilizing resources for the work of the Fund;

15. *Urges* Member States, non-governmental organizations and members of the private sector that have contributed to the United Nations Development Fund for Women to continue to contribute and to consider increasing their financial contributions, and urges others to consider contributing to the Fund.

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[4] Resolution 34/180, annex.